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Hamilton 10, St. Lawrence 0

The Varsity played St. Lawrence on Steuben Field last Saturday afternoon, with the resulting score 10–0 in favor of Hamilton. Just before the game began a heavy downpour of rain covered the field with a number of miniature lakes. On account of this slippery footing, good football was impossible. Fumbles were frequent and costly, on both sides. The Varsity line did not seem to hold but whether it was due to the sloppy field or to some other cause cannot be said.

A. Calder and R. Calder, St. Lawrence, at left and right halfback, did some good work in line bucking and made steady gains. St. Lawrence, too, was quite successful both in making the forward pass and in blocking it when the Varsity attempted to gain by this method. Hamilton had depended much on making good gains with some of her many trick plays, but this was impossible on account of the condition of the field.

Both teams were crippled somewhat. The St. Lawrence captain, Riley, was out of the game on account of injuries received in the Union game. For the Varsity, Welch was not playing.

For St. Lawrence, A. Calder, R. Calder and Harlan played the best games, while for the Varsity, Holley, Sidle and Abbott surpassed.

The game in part follows:

White kicked to Rice on St. Lawrence's 10-yard line, Rice returned the ball 20 yards, and after two short gains Morgan hurdled and St. Lawrence was penalized 15 yards. A. Calder punted. St. Lawrence obtained the ball but lost it on a fumble. Holley picked up the pigskin and ran 80 yards for a touchdown. White kicked the goal.

Score, Hamilton 6, St. Lawrence 0.

White kicked to Morgan who returned the ball only 5 yards. St. Lawrence punted but the Varsity lost the ball on a forward pass. St. Lawrence gained twice by forward passes, but then Abbott intercepted it. White punted 40 yards to Morgan who was tackled on the 20-yard line. White intercepted St. Lawrence's forward pass and gained 30 yards. The Varsity lost the ball again on the failure of a forward pass. Hamilton then held for downs. Wilson gained 20 yards on a forward pass, White 1 yard. St. Lawrence gained the ball by intercepting forward pass but lost it by being held for downs. Holley gained 11 yards, Leavenworth 10 yards. The whistle blew for the end of the half, Hamilton having possession of the ball on St. Lawrence's 15-yard line.

Score, Hamilton 6, St. Lawrence 0.

At the beginning of the second half, A. Calder kicked to White on the 15-yard line. White returned 40 yards. Abbott gained 5 yards, then Holley punted 40 yards. McLean fell on the ball. Abbott lost 10 yds., Sidle gained 9 yards. Holley failed to kick a field goal. St. Lawrence made a few gains but McLean broke through the line and tackled Morgan for a loss. Hamilton's ball. Sidle gained 5 yards, White 2 yards. Holley then kicked field goal from the 20-yard line.

Score, Hamilton 10, St. Lawrence 0.

A. Calder kicked to White, who returned 10 yards. Sidle fumbled, St. Lawrence getting the ball. The Varsity then held for downs. Sidle tried the line but there was no gain. At this time Abbott, on an end run, broke his leg. White punted 35 yards, R. Calder made 10 yards, A. Calder 3 yards. Hamilton's ball on a fumble. St. Lawrence's ball. After a short gain A. Calder punted 30 yards. White returned the ball 10 yards. St. Lawrence intercepted the forward pass and gained about 20 yards on line bucks. Time called. Ball in St. Lawrence's possession on Hamilton's 45-yard line.

Final score, Hamilton 10, St. Lawrence 0.

The line-up follows:

ST. LAWRENCE 0.		HAMILTON 10.
Harlan	left end,	Leavenworth
Rice	left tackle,	Osborne (Kellogg)
Harrington	left guard,	Glover
Clark	center,	Williams
Crasy	right guard,	Cody
Owen	right tackle,	McLean
Overton	right end,	Wilson (Roenke)
Case	quarterback,	Holley (Capt.)
R. Calder	left halfback,	Sidle
Calder (Capt)	right halfback,	Abbott(Jones)
Morgan	fullback,	White

Referee—R. Sherman, Hamilton, '05. Umpire—Pearsall, Brown, '07. Linesmen Betts, St. Lawrence, McLean, '09. Touchdown—Holley. Field Goal—Holley. Goal White. Time of Halves—15 minutes.

Football Schedule

The Football schedule for the season of 1907 is as follows:

Sept.	28	Cazenovia S. 0	Hamilton 32
Oct.	2	Cornell U. 23	Hamilton 0
"	5	St. Lawrence U. 0	Hamilton 10
"	12	LaFayette C.	at Easton, Pa.
"	19	Rochester U.	at Rochester
"	26	Syracuse U.	at Syracuse
Nov.	2	Union C.	at Clinton
"	9	Colgate U.	at Hamilton

U. F. A. 10—Scrub 0

Thursday afternoon the Scrub played U. F. A. at Utica and were defeated by the score 10 to 0. The loss of the game was due mainly to fumbling and to the fact that the Scrub had not played together enough. Utica used the forward pass to good effect, but the Scrub seemed unable to use it for gains. The Scrub hit the line well but when this could have been used for a touchdown, a trick play was tried and failed.

The first half both teams played a punting game, Utica having the best of it, although Richardson did some good punting, while he was in the game. Utica seemed to be able to return the punts for gains, but the Scrub were tackled in their tracks. Hayes clearly was the star for U. F. A. After a short punt, a series of forward passes, and line bucks, he made a touchdown. He failed to kick the goal.

In the second half the Scrub had the best

of it. Steady gains were made through the line. Jones made a 45 yard run on a forward pass until the Scrub were on Utica's 5 yard line. An end run was tried, but no gain was made, then Jones was sent through the line but only 3 yards were made. Utica was given the ball. After two or three punts Utica had the ball on the Scrub's 30-yd. line. A forward pass went over both teams and Supple fell on it behind the goal. Score, Scrub 0, U. F. A. 10. Time was then called. The line-up was as follows: —

U. F. A.		Scrub.
Quigley	right end,	McLean (Allen)
Sweet	right tackle,	Kellogg
McClenthan	right guard,	Wisehart
Johnson	center,	Wheeler
Jones	left guard,	Mariott (Mitchell)
Riley	left tackle,	Spencer
Greene	left end,	Wilson
Pringle	quarterback,	Getman
Hayes	right half,	Richardson (Bate)
Davis (Capt.)	left half,	Jones
Ruth	fullback,	Daley (Getman)

Referee—Baxter. Umpire—Sherman, '05. Touchdowns—Hayes and Supple. Time of Halves — 15 minutes.

A Recommendation

In the Cornell book which corresponds to our Blue Book, is the so-called Freshman "Bible," which has a detailed list of the duties of the freshmen and underclassmen, laying down to them the laws governing their conduct. This is to them a sort of Leviticus to which they may refer in doubtful cases, and, as the voice of the upper classes, is obeyed to the letter. It would seem that some such stereotyped form of tradition were needed in our college, for there is continuous disagreement even among individuals of the upper classes as to the privileges of the under classes, and class authority is thereby weakened.

The traditions of the various fraternities have become so confused with those of the college that a disentanglement is needed. Rowing regulations, attitude toward the faculty, the giving up of seats on crowded Utica cars, the Hamilton "Hello," and such customary rules might just as well be understood at the start and some controverted questions might be settled. Until this is done, college tradition will constantly be violated and upperclassman authority liable to dispute.

The "Lit" Critique

By its full-blown appearance in College circles at a stage of the game when previous Autumn issues were still seething in the ink-wells of more conservative editorial boards, the October "LIT" is commendable evidence of the enterprise and whole-heartedness with which the new editors have set about their all-too-thankless task. We observe a sincere intention to make good those — to put it mildly — ambitious prospectus-claims of the war-whoop editorial in their first issue which roused the mirth of the college at the familiar irreverent optimism of the Editor-in-chief. But as literature, this "LIT" is disappointing. The various tributes to "Square" are in excellent taste, and seem worthy of the subject — the editorial strikes a much higher note than any student-editor has sounded in our midst for a long time; the extract from the President's address, and the Necrology record of Dr. Root's life, should be printed in a more enduring form, together with the splendid portrait-frontispiece, and placed at the disposal of every Hamilton man.

The remainder of the issue — the literary portion proper — consists of a clockwork fantasy by the irrepressible Dounce, with two pretty little home-made lyrics which fill the crannies between the prose departments. Dounce's interminable creation may be considered briefly. He has been stirred by the tremendous vogue of problem-prophetic yarns to evolve a study of an airship race in the early stages of the millennium, and he crams it down our throats — absurd technicalities, sociological rubbish, unripe satire, and all — with a calm and plausible impudence which must appeal in some measure to the very readers best able to perceive its hollowness. Dounce need not be at such pains to display the varied workings of his imagination — he can spend his summer holidays otherwise to better advantage. He appears to be suffering from the delusion that he is Rudyard Kipling; this is a case of mistaken identity, and the sooner Mr. Dounce awakens from it and confines himself to the artistic simplicity of such charcoal sketches as his "The Tree" (June issue) the better it will be for him and for his chosen field of college activity. Let us leave the airships to Clinton local talent and bring our literary activities down to earth.

Phil Welch's verses — the *Phil* is vaguely reminiscent of *Walt* Whitman, somehow, not to mention *Jack* London and *Phil* May — are by all odds the best thing he has published in the "Lit." The first two lines are worth the preservation of the whole. He drops us with a jolt in his second stanza, shifting *thy* to *you* in his apostrophe to the fair one, with a grating disregard of the rhetorical conventions. But his poem is good — better than the average college verse — and we ought to have much more like it. Dounce offers "The Rose" —which is an artificial rose, but pretty enough. It would have done credit to the motto-page of any historical novel from the late lamentable crop that ushered in the century.

With no disparagement to the faithfulness of the Old Guard, we long to see new blood in the veins of the "Lit." This Grand Old Magazine is the criterion by which our neighbors judge us — it is time we realized the fact, and made a whole-hearted general effort to put the "Lit." in the front rank of college publications. The way to get music to suit you is to play the organ yourself— learning with practice — and not to loaf around in the middle distance throwing mud at the poor organist who is doing the best he can.

If there are any ambitious Freshmen, let us see them "out for 'Lit.'" — a few triumphs in literature would go far to atone for their late shortcomings in landscape-painting.

Sophomore-Freshman Meet

Thursday afternoon, the Sophomores and Freshmen held their track meet, the Sophomores winning 88

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THERE HAS BEEN much talk lately on the Hill about the small size of the Freshman class. This, we believe, is due to a lack of advertising. In other words, people don't know where we are, and if they don't know that, we can't blame them for not coming here. Now, LIFE is willing and anxious to do its part in advertising. If any man in College wishes the paper sent to his 'prep.' school, the address of a responsible person to receive it handed to the editor or manager will secure the desired result. If you will do your part, you will help in a campaign which may be of assistance to the College. It takes but little effort to write a name on a piece of paper. Don't be too careless or indifferent to take that trouble.

"LIFE" IS PLEASED over the happy settlement of the unpleasantness that arose from 1910's unprecedented action of last week. It was no surprise to the College, however. We were aware all along that such utter disregard of all that makes this College what it is would never be countenanced by any class on this Hill, and that, superceding the first momentary supremacy of the rattle-headed few, rationality would finally assume the leadership. 1910 will never regret her repentance. Let her follow out the principle that led to it, and when she arrives at upperclassmanship she will get on well.

IT CAME AS A pleasant surprise to most of us that some friend of the College had offered to furnish us with a few good lectures during the winter months. We cannot over-estimate the true value of such an opportunity. Last year we had a series of lectures by members of our own Faculty. These were all quite well attended and much appreciated by the College. While we do not say we will have better lectures from outside sources, we believe that there are several real advantages. One of the sources of criticism of the small College when compared with the larger University is that there is danger of its becoming too self-centered. Especially must we guard against that criticism inasmuch as we have a Faculty composed almost wholly of Alumni. While we like to be like ourselves we must remember that our associations with the outside world are comparatively limited. Now, how better can we overcome this disadvantage, if such it be, than by having a few competent men come here to speak to us on different subjects?

WE LIKE TO SEE the Freshmen sufficiently unobtrusive, but no shyness or unfriendliness, be it one or the other, should keep him from a hearty "Hello" every time that he meets a College man, whether he knows him or not. We might venture to say that, in great part, the attraction of this College is in the bond that exists among the fellows, and this is created by the greeting that oversteps the bounds of acquaintanceship and acknowledges in every Hamilton man a fellow. That democratic "hello" has in it the spirit and tradition of the College, which is lacking in so many institutions and of which we are so justly proud; the *esprit de corps* which oversteps society and class and clique and says to every other man "I am a member of Hamilton College, whatever else I am, and in that we are akin." Speak up! Don't wait to be spoken to, and don't gurgle it out in an infantile gasp; ring it out "Hello!"

A Timely Letter

To the Editor of Life:

What is the matter with our Assistant Managers? Last spring the Athletic Association decreed that it should be among the duties of the assistant managers that the reports of our games reach the Associated Press or some other official organ to dispense news. This fall we look in vain for such notices in the New York, Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester, and other important papers in this state. Hobart is there, Rochester is there — but where is Hamilton? The Alumni have been justly indignant at this unpleasant feature of college inactivity and last fall we arranged a Press Club. In spite of this, the Utica papers alone have contained Hamilton items.

It would seem that sending a mere statement of the news to the Associated Press should not be too strenuous an exertion for even a hard worked assistant manager. But if he can't spare the necessary few minutes, let the work be delegated to the Press Club — at all events let something be done lest again the voice of the Alumni be heard in the land.

"GRADUATE"

Y. M. C. A. Notes

Tomorrow at noon Mr. S. V. Slack, Secretary of the Student Y. M. C. A. for the Eastern U. S. and Canada, will speak. He will be accompanied by the State Secretary, Mr. Safford, who was to have been here last week but delayed his visit in order to meet Mr. Slack here. The work for the year will be discussed and definite plans made under their direction. It is desirable that there be a good attendance.

Membership dues are now being collected for the current year by the finance committee. Freshmen should hand their applications for membership, blanks for which are found in the

Blue Book, to R. B. Hull, '08. These names will be voted upon in the near future.

A very commendable interest is already being shown in the Freshman Prayer Meetings. The attendance averages about fifteen. With a corresponding increase in the next two weeks there will be little need of further exhortation.

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points to the Freshmen's 29. Owing to the rain, the small attendance and the lack of experienced Freshman material, some of the events bordered closely on the farcical. The meet was as a whole somewhat slow and spiritless, but several of the new men showed that they had the right sort of scientific training to fully develop.

The first event, the 100-yard dash, was won by 1911, Colson coming in first in 11 2-5 sec., Easingwood winning second and Peters third place. The half-mile run, done in 2min. 26 sec., was finished with Renwick and Knox of '10, first and second, respectively, and Sheffield, '11, third. Sherwin, '10, won the high jump, making 5ft 3 1-2in., while Colson, '11, and Leavenworth, '10, tied for second place. The high hurdles was won by Brasted, '10, in 20 2-5sec., with Gardner, '11, second, and Wilder, '11, third. 1910 got the shot put, Baldwin throwing 33ft. 1in., Sherwin making next place and Glover third. In the 440-yard dash, Engs, '10, won first, Harper, '10, second, and Wills, '10, third. Position-time 59 3-5sec. The one mile run, done in 5min. 36 3-5sec., resulted in a dead heat, Renwick, Knox, and Stube of '10 finishing. Leavenworth, '10, Knox, '10, and Colson, '11, won first, second and third places, respectively, in the broad jump, Leavenworth doing 18ft. 8in. The final heat of the low hurdles was won by I. Hall, '10, in 31 3-5sec., Harper, '10, coming in second, and Brasted, '10, making third place. The 220-yard dash was won by 1911, with Colson first, Easingwood second, and Peters third — time, 25sec. Sherwin, '10, won the hammer-throw, at 104ft. 8in., while Baldwin, '10, won second place, and Gardner, '11, third. The two mile run was an easy event for the Sophomores and was finished with C. Hall first, Wills second and Stube third — time 12min. 45 2-5sec. Leavenworth, '10, won the pole-vault with 9ft., and Hall, '10, and Colson, '11, tied for second position. The meet was finished with the usual demonstration of class spirit. It is to be regretted that the cold weather and heavy track made fast time impossible. Nevertheless some good material was in evidence and with proper training will develop into a good team.

First Football Injury

In the later part of the St. Lawrence game last Saturday, Abbott, '10, had the misfortune to break his right leg. A. Calder in attempting to block him struck Abbott's leg with his shoulder. The fracture, however, is a clean one, and a comparatively early recovery is almost certain.

Up to the time of the accident Abbott played a hard and steady game. The Varsity will feel his loss keenly, for although for the most part a substitute, when he was put in the game he played to win. LIFE and the college in general deeply sympathize with him and hope for his early recovery.

Musical Clubs

The Musical Clubs have settled down to hard work and are practicing regularly three times a week. The new fine deposit system now in use will greatly increase the regularity in the work, and is surely a step in the right direction.

The first concert will be given in connection with the Sophomore Hop in Utica during Thanksgiving Week. During winter term about eight or ten concerts will be given including a northern trip, probably taking in Ogdensburg, Watertown and Lowville. During Spring vacation an extended tour will be made in private Pullmans over about the same section as was covered last Spring — to Albany, down the Hudson to New York, and back by the way of Binghamton.

Both Clubs are practically veteran and one of the leaders has had the great advantage of a year's experience already. Last year's Clubs were certainly a success, but this year promises to be the best one in the history of this department of college activity.

— Henry Woodruff, star of the most realistic and successful of all college plays, "Brown of Harvard," will bring that delightful entertainment to The Majestic Theatre on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, for one night only. One of the clearest indications that "Brown of Harvard" vividly and truly depicts life in American Colleges is the fact that during its run in New York every school of prominence within a radius of 200 miles arranged for special nights at the Princess Theatre and sent large delegations to the play. The reason for "Brown of Harvard's" success is that it reflects college life as college men have lived it. Every man who has attained his A. B., whether at Harvard or any other American institution, Eastern or Western, Northern or Southern, responds at once to its spirit. Aside from the fact that its scenes are laid around the historic University at Cambridge, Mass., and therefore are peculiarly possessed of the Harvard atmosphere, the incidents might easily be imagined as happening at Ann Arbor, Cornell, Yale, Columbia or any other great American institution of learning.

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COLLEGE NOTES

— The Freshman enrollment is forty-five.

— Soper, '08, returned from Chicago, Thursday.

— Born, to Prof. and Mrs. Ward, October 5, a son.

— Robinson, '11, is the latest addition to the Glee Club.

— Henderson, '08, has been re-elected Secretary of the N. Y. S. I. A. U.

— Union has been admitted to the New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Union.

— Prof. Shepard has formed a class of Seniors and Juniors for the further study of French.

— Clarence Daly of the class of '07, Holbrook's School, has entered the Freshman class.

— Work upon the new tennis courts in the rear of the Hall of Science is progressing rapidly.

— The engagement of Miss Marie E. Fuller, of Richmond Springs, to James McKee, '03, is announced.

— Anibal, Fitch, Huntington, Judson and Laird of the Senior Class have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

— Wilcox, '09, has been elected assistant manager of the "Lit." The 1910 competition for this position is now open.

— Hatfield, '09, is with a State surveying party in Hamilton county. He expects to re-enter his class the latter part of this term.

— On the trip of the Glee and Instrumental Clubs this year, it is proposed to present a short play, in addition to the regular program.

— Dr. Davenport will deliver a series of lectures on University Extension before the New Century Club of Utica the coming winter.

— The lamps on the outside of the chapel, which were given by the Class of 1895, have been wired and will be lighted by electricity hereafter.

— Prof. Collar, Master of Roxbury Latin School, Boston, and author of "The Beginner's Latin," visited a Latin recitation on the hill last week.

— Dr. Squires will attend the Forty-fifth University Convention to be held at Albany, October 17-19. Dr. Squires is one of the Convocation Council.

— Prof. A. P. Saunders has recently returned from Albany where he has been assisting in making out the January State Regents examinations.

— At the Republican County Convention, which was held in Rome on Saturday last, Prof. F. M. Davenport gave a fine address on the Spirit of Republicanism.

— Prayer Meeting Topic Cards for the Freshmen have been distributed. Freshmen should attend these meetings on Thursday evenings, at 7. They are informal.

— The old baseball grandstand, which was slightly damaged last Spring during practice, has been repaired and a coat of paint given both that and the back-stop.

— The Glee Club has adopted a unique aid in the learning of new pieces. It is a large Columbia Gramaphone, which the management has procured for the season.

— William P. Soper, '04, and of Union Theological Seminary, was ordained to the ministry at a meeting of the Presbytery held at Whitesboro last Monday and Tuesday.

— Another stained-glass window has been placed in the chapel, this one commemorative of Dr. John William Mears, Professor, 1871-1881. It is the gift of the Class of 1881.

— "Hobbs" Bryant, '09, who is ill with typhoid fever at St. Lukes Hospital, Utica, is getting along rapidly. He will in all probability be unable to resume work until next term.

— Mrs. Root and Miss Quisenberry left Tuesday for Virginia, where they will spend the first part of October. They will then take up residence at Carrolton, Missouri, their old home.

— The Class of 1911 has held its first meeting. Sidle was elected captain, and Jones manager, of the Class football team. Of the Class track team, Colson was elected captain and Richardson manager.

— A Chess tournament is to be held for the selection of a team, as an attempt is to be made to play some intercollegiate matches this year. This will be a welcome development in a phase of activity that has hitherto been sadly neglected.

— Several new gravel walks have been added to the number which already adorn the campus. The one which passes the south end of the new dormitory is especially convenient for those who have to go from their rooms in that building to the Hall of Languages.

— It is not seemly always to be kicking and growling at certain conditions; but the removal of that layer of silt, (to use a polite term) which covers the bottom of the swimming tank, would add greatly to the attractiveness of that most important feature of the gymnasium.

— Hamilton men have been invited to enter into a competition with men of certain other New York Colleges and Universities for what is known as the Author's Prize. This consists of $50.00 given through the New York State Woman's Suffrage Association for the best essay on the subject "Woman's ballot a needed factor in municipal reform." This is an excellent opportunity for someone to show the college world our ability.

— The cast of "The Mice Will Play" was entertained at the Theta Delta Chi House Thursday evening of last week. They are considering a repetition of the performance during November in several of the neighboring towns. The Fall trips will be under the management of Williams, '08. Truax, '09, will play for the first time the role of the professor which was his originally but which illness prevented his playing at the June performance. Smyth, '09, will be given the role of "Maggie" which Bryant, '09, has played hitherto.

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